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SUBJECT: SITREP 10 0900 LT OCTOBER 8

1. ACTIVITY. OBSERVED ACTIVITY HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLY REDUCED FROM YESTERDAY MORNING. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, INCLUDING BUSES AND TAXIS, APPEAR TO BE OPERATING NORMALLY, BUT NUMBER OF PRIVATE VEHICLES ON STREETS HAS DROPPED SHARPLY. THIS MAY BE RESULT OF GASOLINE RATIONING (SEE BELOW). PEDESTRIAN ACTIVITY IS ALSO AT LOWER LEVEL. MORNING TRAINS BETWEEN MAADI AND CAIRO ARE FULL.

2. INTERNAL SECURITY. NO UNUSUAL POLICE OR SECURITY FORCE ACTIVITY OBSERVED. BRIDGE GUARDS UNREINFORCED AND DEFINITELY NOT ON ANY STAGE OF ALERT.

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3. MILITARY ACTIVITY; CIVIL DEFENSE STATUS; ALERTS.

CAIRO RESIDENTS WERE WOKEN AT 5:20 AM BY MUFFLED EXPLOSIONS. THESE WERE LATER RELIABLY REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN RESULT OF SAM MISSILE FIRINGS NEAR CAIRO AIRPORT, WHERE TWO EARLY MORNING ALERTS WERE CALLED. NO OTHER ACTIVITY.

4. REGULATIONS. MILITARY DECREE NO. 20, RATIONING GASOLINE, GOES INTO EFFECT TODAY. SERVICE STATION MANAGERS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENFORCEMENT OF DECREE AND WILL BE LIABLE FOR IMPRISONMENT OR FINE OF UP TO LE 300 IN CASE OF CONTRAVENTION. (USINTOFF REPORTS, HOWEVER, THAT HE WAS ABLE TO OBTAIN LIMITED AMOUNT OF UNRATED GASOLINE FROM STATION IN MAADI WITHOUT DIFFICULTY THIS MORNING.) MORNING PRESS ALSO NOTES ANNOUNCEMENT BY GENERAL INTELLIGENCE DEPARTMENT (GID) CALLING ON PUBLIC TO REPORT ANY PERSON ACTING IN SUSPICIOUS MANNER.

5. MEDIA PLAY. CAIRO RADIO IS CONTINUING NEWS REPORTS ON THE HOUR OF INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS RELATED TO HOSTILITIES. BETWEEN NEWS REPORTS, PROGRAMMING IS NORMAL. MORNING PRESS IS FULL OF NEWS OF EGYPTIAN VICTORIES IN SINAI AND REPORTED FALLBACK OF ISRAELI FORCES ON GOLAN HEIGHTS. ALL PAPERS CARRY PHOTOS OF EGYPTIAN TROOPS CROSSING CANAL ON PONTOON BRIDGE. PRESS SHOWS PHOTOS OF ISRAELI POW'S CAPTURED DURING SINAI OPS.

6. FOCUS ON US. ALL PAPERS REPORT IN BRIEF ARTICLES US REQUEST FOR CONVENING OF UNSC. OTHERWISE, US IS VIRTUALLY COMPLETELY OUT OF THE NEWS. REPORTED MOVEMENTS AND STATUS OF 6TH FLEET UNITS ARE NOT CARRIED TODAY, AS THEY WERE BY AKHBAR YESTERDAY.

7. SHORTAGES. USINT LOCAL AND DOMESTIC STAFF HAVE REPORTED THAT STORES ARE RUNNING OUT OF SUGAR, TEA AND SOAP. RUN ON GASOLINE STATIONS OCTOBER 7 HAS FORCED SOME TO CLOSE FOR LACK OF ADEQUATE SUPPLIES. MORE HAVE BEEN PROMISED FOR TODAY.

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8. WELFARE OF AMERICAN CITIZENS. SITUATION IS ESSENTIALLY AS REPORTED YESTERDAY. WE ARE CONTINUING TO RECEIVE VERY HEAVY NUMBER OF TELEPHONE CALLS FROM AMCITS ASKING TO REGISTER THEMSELVES AND REQUESTING INFORMATION. FOREIGN TOURISTS IN LUXOR ARE BEING TOLD TO LEAVE THERE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND ARE BEING PUT ON ANY AVAILABLE TRAINS TO CAIRO.

9. PUBLIC ATTITUDE. THIS IS MOST DIFFICULT CATEGORY TO JUDGE. LAST NIGHT WE REPORTED THAT EGYPTIAN ACHIEVEMENTS IN SINAI AND EXPECTATIONS HAD GENERATED A LOW HIGH. PRESS IMPRESSION THIS MORNING APPEARS TO BE MOVING TOWARD A HIGHER DEGREE OF ANTICIPATION. NEVERTHELESS, SOME EGYPTIANS WITH WHOM WE HAVE SPOKEN HAE EXPRESSED SKEPTICISM THAT GOVERNMENT IS TELLING THEM THE TRUTH; OR THAT, IF IT IS, MILITARY SUCCESSES IN SINAI WILL MEAN ANYTHING.
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